



Mid County Park Renovation Update May 2012



Several renovation and construction projects are underway at Mid County Park. These regular updates are designed to keep you informed of our progress:

Completed improvements:

- The lighting and fencing from the park's baseball fields were removed. The light poles were relocated to Jamestown High School's baseball and softball fields to offer evening play at that facility.
- The grading of the baseball field area was completed. Next, it will be redesigned and landscaped to offer park patrons more opportunities for self paced activities such as picnics, ball play, kite-flying and other like activities.
- Demolition of the press boxes and dugouts was completed.
- The basketball, tennis and volleyball courts and the walking trail will all remain.

Improvement projects underway:

- Redesign/landscaping of the former baseball fields (above) should be completed by spring 2013.
- Replacement of both Kidsburg and the Park Office. As the planning and design continues, the focus is on replacing the wooden playground structures. The new playground will be more modern, but many of the current Kidsburg themes will remain. One new element being considered *as an addition* to the new playground is a "spray pad." A spray pad is not a water park, but one small area for water play that has no standing water. The water used for such a pad is typically recycled, which is treated to the same quality as swimming pool water standards. Any new park features, including the spray pad, will be considered as park funding permits.

Why renovate?

The improvement projects are consistent with the Board of Supervisors approved Mid County Park Master Plan to shift activities from organized team sports to more community recreation. The park, which opened in 1985, is also in much need of repair—aging equipment, safety and parking are all critical issues.

Fence Pickets

- If you purchased a fence picket at Kidsburg, and would like it back, please call 757-592-0495 and leave your name, the name on the picket, your phone number and a message. You can also request your picket online from the Mid County Park homepage at jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation/kidsburg-picket-request.html.
- The pickets will be available for pick up in fall 2013 when playground renovations are scheduled to begin. A plaque will also be installed at the park to honor its history and those individuals and businesses who supported the park through fence picket purchases and as volunteers.

Throughout the renovations, we'll keep you informed of our progress. Subsequent updates will detail the proposed new park layout and design concepts for the new Kidsburg. For more information, call 757-259-5360 or visit jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation.